

# The Indiana Commission to Combat Drug Abuse



*Behavioral Health Division*

## Comprehensive Community Plan

County:Blackford

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## **Vision Statement**

What is your Local Coordinating Council's vision statement? "We envision a Blackford County where all people hold the power to create a drug-free lifestyle for themselves and others."

## **Mission Statement**

What is your Local Coordinating Council's mission statement? "Effectively combine community interests, concerns, and resources to plan, develop and implement programs of prevention, education and intervention; identify needs, design methods to contain, reduce, and eliminate substance abuse; and to provide necessary help for those persons, primarily youth, currently in need in Blackford County."

<b>Membership List</b>					
<b>#</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Race</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Category</b>
1	<b>Deb Perry</b>	<b>BCSO</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
2	<b>Jim Heflin</b>	<b>BCSO</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
3	<b>Jennifer Jacobs</b>	<b>BCS</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Education</b>
4	<b>Luke Phillips</b>	<b>HCPD</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
5	<b>Levi Strait</b>	<b>Corrections</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Court</b>
6	<b>Jeff Sones</b>	<b>BCSO</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
7	<b>Autumn Roach</b>	<b>Health Dept.</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Health/Medical</b>
8	<b>Cody Crouse</b>	<b>HCPD</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Law Enforcement</b>
9	<b>Todd Hill</b>	<b>BCS</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Education</b>
10	<b>Mike Winegardner</b>	<b>Probation</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Court</b>
11	<b>Tyler Hunt</b>	<b>Corrections</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Court</b>
12	<b>Larry Musselman</b>	<b>Grant-Black.</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Treatment</b>
13	<b>Kyli Penrod</b>	<b>Purdue Ext.</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Education</b>
14	<b>Travis Jester</b>	<b>Jay Co. P.A.S.T</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Treatment</b>
15	<b>Frances Mays</b>	<b>B.C. Superior Court</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Court</b>
16	<b>Joel Allred</b>	<b>HCPD</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Law Enforce</b>
17	<b>Cheri Davis</b>	<b>Purdue Ext.</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Education</b>
18	<b>Ashley Ryan</b>	<b>Radiant H.C.</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Treatment</b>
19	<b>Grace Christman</b>	<b>Jay Co. Drug Prev. Coal.</b>	<b>Cauc</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Prevention</b>
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**LCC Meeting Schedule:**  
Please provide the months the LCC meets throughout the year: Jan-May, Aug-Dec unless school is canceled for weather.

## II. Community Needs Assessment

*The first step in developing an effective substance use and misuse reduction plan is to assess your community. A community assessment tells you about your community's readiness to implement prevention, treatment, and justice-related programs to address substance use and misuse. An assessment also provides an overview of the risk and protective factors present in the community, helping your coalition plan more effectively.*

### Community Profile

County Name Blackford
County Population 12,112 (Source: 2020 Census)
Schools in the community Blackford Jr/Sr Hi., Blackford Prim., Blackford Int.,
Medical care providers in the community (hospitals, health care centers, medical centers/clinics, etc.) IU Health
Mental health care providers in the community (hospitals with psychiatric/behavioral health units, mental health clinics, private/public providers, etc.) Radiant Healthcare
Service agencies/organizations: Rotary (Kiwanis disbanded in 2021)
Local media outlets that reach the community Indy and Ft. Wayne TV and radio, Muncie and Marion radio, Muncie Star-Press, The Voice, Hartford City News-Times
What are the substances that are most problematic in your community? Meth, Heroin, underage vaping and THC vaping
List all substance use/misuse services/activities/programs presently taking place in the community Radiant Tx, 2 faith-based recovery groups, NA and AA meetings, peer-led group P.A.S.T.

## Community Risk and Protective Factors

Use the list of risk and protective factors to identify those present in your community. Identify the resources/assets and limitations/gaps that exist in your community related to each. The lists are not all-inclusive and others may apply.

**Risk Factors Examples:** trauma and toxic stressors; poverty violence; neighborhood characteristics; low neighborhood attachment; community disorganization; community norms and laws favorable toward drug use, firearms, and crime; availability of alcohol and other drugs; weak family relationships; family substance use; peer substance use; mental health problems; families moving frequently from home to home; limited prevention and recovery resources.

**Protective Factors Examples:** strong family relationships; neighborhood economic viability; low childhood stress; access to health care; access to mental health care; community-based interventions; restricted access to alcohol and other drugs including restrictive laws and excise taxes; safe, supportive, and connected neighborhoods; meaningful youth engagement opportunities; local policies and practices that support healthy norms and child-youth programs; positive connection to adults.<sup>1</sup>

Risk Factors	Resources/Assets	Limitations/Gaps
1. Favorable norms for drugs and crime	1. Active Drug Task Force representative of all LE agencies  2. Full-time School Resource Officer	1. Proximity to drug transport routes and states selling THC legally  2. No desire to change county norms
2. Availability of alcohol and drugs, including vapes containing THC	1. Newly created Vaping Task Force  2. School Administration active in admitting and fighting problem  3. Installation of Vape Detectors in school restrooms	1. Neighboring states selling THC legally  2. Local retailers and residents selling THC vapes  3. Problems identifying exactly which student(s) are vaping due to search policies
3. Limited prevention and recovery resources and options	1. AA & NA groups  2. Faith based recovery groups	1. One tx center with limited hours and resources 2. Stigma attached to participating in tx

<sup>1</sup>Risk and protective factors extracted from IUPUI Center for Health Policy Community Conditions Favorable for Substance Use, April 2018.

	3. Peer-led support group P.A.S.T. 4. One or more School Counselors or Social Workers in every school	3. Parental permission required for youth tx or recovery options
<b>Protective Factors</b>	<b>Resources/Assets</b>	<b>Limitations/Gaps</b>
1. Meaningful youth engagement	1. Active Campus Life 2. Extensive youth sports 3. Church Youth Pastors	1. Transportation to events 2. Affordability of participation 3. Lack of familial encouragement to participate
2. Access to medical health care	1. Hospital located in county 2. Hospital walking distance for many 3. School nurse in every school	1. Lack of medical specialists in county 2. No psych or tx services in hospital 3. Healthy lifestyle not a priority
3. Availability of mental health care	1. Outpatient tx facility located within walking distance for many 2. One or more School Counselors/Social Workers in every school, with specific School Counselor solely for mental health concerns 3. Given small county, good cooperation between schools and agencies	1. Hours of operation limited due to size of facility 2. School Counselors/Social Workers referral options are limited 3. Stigma associated with seeking treatment

### **III. Making A Community Action Plan**

*Now that you have completed a community assessment and have identified the risk and protective factors that exist, you can develop a plan of action. The Comprehensive Community Plan (CCP) is a systematic and community-driven gathering, analysis, and reporting of community-level indicators for the purpose of identifying and addressing local substance use problems.*

Step 1: Create problem statements, and ensure problems statements are in line with statutory requirements

Step 2: Ensure your problem statements are evidence-informed, then prioritize

Step 3: Brainstorm what can be done about each

Step 4: Prioritize your list, and develop SMART goal statements for each

Step 5: List the steps to achieve each goal

### Step 1: Create + Categorize Problem Statements

*Create problem statements as they relate to each of the identified risk factors.*

Risk Factors	Problem Statement(s)
1.Favorable norms for drugs and crime	1.Adults misuse illegal substances in the county 2.Many families are multi-generational drug abusers 3.Lack of prosocial community norms
2.Availability of alcohol and drugs, including THC vapes	1.Adults and students lack drug-free coping skills to deal with the challenges of life and prior trauma 2.High prevalence of student drug use including vaping THC 3.Students lack opportunities to observe drug-free behavior
3. Limited prevention and recovery resources	1. Lack of support for those attempting a drug-free lifestyle 2.Residents see a negative stigma attached to getting mental health and drug abuse tx 3.Youth and adults have difficulty finding counseling and tx options and help it can provide

### Step 2: Evidence-Informed Problem Statements

*Identify your top three problem statements using local or state data. Ensure that there is a problem statement for each co-equal funding category (e.g., prevention/education; intervention/treatment; and criminal justice services and activities).*

Problem Statements	Data That Establishes Problem	Data Source
1. Adults misuse illegal substances in the county	In 2022, 149 arrests or investigations for adult drug-related activity (law enforcement in county went through an election-related leadership change in 2022, causing some personnel shortages and changes)	Hartford City PD and Blackford County Sheriff's Office N.I.B.R.E.S. reporting software cumulative report numbers
2. High prevalence of student vaping use, including THC products	Depending on grade in school, 15-27% of students in 2022 INYS admit to vaping	2022 INYS
3. Lack of support for those attempting a drug-free lifestyle	There is currently no local school-based or treatment-based counseling group targeted towards youth geared towards substance abuse or recovery, and limited options for adults	Supervisor of Radiant Health, Juvenile Probation Officer, Community Corrections Officer, School Social Services Personnel

### Step 3: Brainstorm

*Consider the resources/assets and limitations/gaps that were identified for each risk factor, and list what actions can be taken for each identified problem statement.*

Problem Statements	What can be done (action)?
1. Adults misuse illegal substances in the county	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increase drug-related arrests, investigations and surveillance to deter supply</li> <li>2. Offer more programs to decrease recidivism</li> <li>3. Reduce stigma associated with counseling, recovery and tx</li> </ol>
2. High prevalence of student drug use, including THC vapes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Start a task force targeting youth vaping</li> <li>2. Use Red Ribbon Week to drive anti-drug messaging, but this year focus on vaping</li> <li>3. Start parenting group to aid parents in preventing students starting to use drugs</li> </ol>
3. There is a lack of support for those attempting a drug-free lifestyle	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Drug test those in outpatient tx to hold them accountable</li> </ol>

	<p>2. Provide assistance to those in recovery trying to get back on their feet</p> <p>3. Provide items to those in recovery not covered by insurance</p>
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#### Step 4: Develop SMART Goal Statements

*For each problem statement, prioritize your list of what can be done. Choose your top two actions for each. Then, develop goal statements that demonstrate what change you hope to achieve and by when you hope to achieve it.*

Problem Statement #1	
Goal 1	In 2023 (as in 2022) Blackford County law enforcement agencies, including Drug Task Force, will increase by 1% or more the number of arrests and investigations (combined) to visibly deter substance abuse and decrease supply.
Goal 2	In 2023 LCC will provide evidenced-based Courage To Change Journals and Driver Workbooks to 100 or more Probation clients
Problem Statement #2	
Goal 1	In 2023 LCC will partner with local Purdue Extension Office to start and partially fund evidence-based Botvin Parenting training and support group
Goal 2	In October of 2023 LCC will partially fund Red Ribbon Week messaging with emphasis given towards anti-vaping messages at grades 7-12
Problem Statement #3	
Goal 1	To hold those in outpatient drug tx accountable, LCC will fund the purchase of 50 urinary drug screens to Radiant Health Care in 2023
Goal 2	In 2023 LCC will fund items requested by P.A.S.T. that are not covered by insurance but necessary to support those seeking a sober lifestyle

#### Step 5: Plans to Achieve Goals

*For each goal, list the steps required to achieve each*

Problem Statement #1	Steps
Goal 1 1 In 2023 Blackford County law enforcement agencies will increase by 1% or more the number of arrests and investigations (combined) to visibly deter substance abuse	1. Obtain 2022 data for baseline

	<p>2. L.E. will look for opportunities to increase its surveillance and investigations during 2023</p> <p>3. At conclusion of 2023, obtain data to see if goal was met.</p>
<p>Goal 2 In 2023 LCC will provide evidenced-based Courage To Change Journals and Driver Workbooks to 100 or more Probation clients</p>	<p>1. Probation writes grant for funding</p> <p>2. LCC approves grant amount</p> <p>3. Purchase journals and workbooks and distribute as needed</p>
<b>Problem Statement #2</b>	<b>Steps</b>
<p>Goal 1 In 2023 LCC will partner with local Purdue Extension Office to start and partially fund evidence-based Botvin Parenting training and support group</p>	<p>1. Purdue Extension writes grant</p> <p>2. LCC approves grant</p> <p>3. LCC assists Purdue Extension with implementing program</p>
<p>Goal 2 In October of 2023 LCC will partially fund Red Ribbon Week messaging with emphasis given towards anti-vaping messages at grades 7-12</p>	<p>1. Schools write LCC grant</p> <p>2. LCC approves grant</p> <p>3. LCC assists school personnel in procurement of messaging</p>
<b>Problem Statement #3</b>	<b>Steps</b>
<p>Goal 1 To hold those in outpatient drug tx accountable, LCC will fund the purchase of 50 urinary drug screens to Radiant Health Care in 2023</p>	<p>1. Radiant Health Care writes LCC grant request</p> <p>2. LCC approves grant</p> <p>3. LCC reimburses submitted claim, requesting periodic status updates as to implementation and effectiveness</p>
<p>Goal 2 In 2023 LCC will fund items requested by P.A.S.T. that are not covered by insurance but necessary to support those seeking a sober lifestyle</p>	<p>1. P.A.S.T. personnel write LCC grant proposal</p> <p>2. LCC approves grant</p>

	3. LCC requests periodic update on effectiveness and items purchased with grant funds
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### IV. Fund Document

*The fund document allows the LCC to provide finances available to the coalition at the beginning of the year. The fund document gauges an LCC's fiscal wellness to empower their implementation of growth within their community. The fund document also ensures LCCs meet the statutory requirement of funding programs within the three categories of (1) Prevention/Education, (2) Treatment/Intervention, and (3) Criminal Justice Services and Activities (IC 5-2-11-5).*

Funding Profile		
<b>1</b>	Amount deposited into the County DFC Fund from fees collected last year:	\$18,881.95
<b>2</b>	Amount of unused funds from last year that will roll over into this year:	\$2,073.29
<b>3</b>	Total funds available for programs and administrative costs for this year (Line 1 + Line 2):	\$20,995.24
<b>4</b>	Amount of funds granted last year:	\$10,495.11
Additional Funding Sources (if no money is received, please enter \$0.00)		
<b>A</b>	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):	\$0.00
<b>B</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):	\$0.00
<b>C</b>	Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA):	\$0.00
<b>D</b>	Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP):	\$0.00
<b>E</b>	Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH):	\$0.00
<b>F</b>	Indiana Department of Education (DOE):	\$0.00
<b>G</b>	Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA):	\$0.00
<b>H</b>	Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA):	\$0.00
<b>I</b>	Local entities:	\$0.00
<b>J</b>	Other:	\$0.00
Categorical Funding Allocations		
Prevention/Education: \$5248.81	Intervention/Treatment: \$5248.81	Justice Services: \$5248.81
Funding allotted to Administrative costs:		
<i>Itemized list of what is being funded</i>		<i>Amount (\$100.00)</i>
Coordinator compensation		\$3000.00
Treasurer compensation		\$599.00
Meeting Expenses		\$ 1649.81
Funding Allocations by Goal per Problem Statement:		
Problem Statement #1	Problem Statement #2	Problem Statement #3
Goal 1: \$2624.405	Goal 1: \$2624.405	Goal 1: \$2624.405
Goal 2: \$2624.405	Goal 2: \$2624.405	Goal 2: \$2624.405